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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) Mira Mesa – DEA Task Force Investigating Cannabis Lab at Mira Mesa Home that Exploded**

(U) A Drug Enforcement Agency narcotics task force has taken over the investigation of a butane hash oil extraction lab that exploded and seriously injured three people on 5 May at a Mira Mesa home. According to authorities, neighbors heard several explosions just before the flames erupted, the explosion was so large it completely blew off the garage door. Investigators found a “sophisticated butane hash oil extraction lab inside the house,” but not a cannabis-growing operation. Investigators also discovered numerous butane canisters, marijuana, and other extraction laboratory equipment in the home.

SOURCE: 6 May 2019, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

#### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

##### **(U) Arizona – US CBP Officers Seize \$50 Thousand Worth of Marijuana**

(U) Tucson – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Raul Hector Castro Port-of-Entry (POE) in Douglas prevented an Arizona resident from smuggling more than 100-pounds of marijuana into the US on 5 May. Officers referred a 43-year-old Phoenix man for further inspection of his vehicle after he attempted to process through the Douglas POE. Officers searched the vehicle and found 90 packages of marijuana throughout the vehicle. The drugs, estimated to be worth nearly \$50,000. Officers seized the drugs and vehicle, and the subject was arrested and charged for narcotics smuggling. SOURCE: 6 May 2019, [CBP](#)

##### **(U) Arizona – US CBP Officers Seize \$1.2 Million Worth of Drugs**

(U) Tucson – US CBP officers arrested 2 US citizens and a Mexican national for separate alleged attempts to smuggle methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin and cocaine through the San Luis POE over the weekend. The three inspections led to the discovery of 164-pounds of methamphetamine, 2-pounds of fentanyl, 26-pounds of cocaine, and more than 2.5-pounds of heroin. Officers seized the drugs and the vehicles, while the subjects were arrested and turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). SOURCE: 6 May 2019, [CBP](#)

##### **(U) Texas – US CBP Officers Discover \$3 Million Worth of Methamphetamine**

(U) Laredo – US CBP officers this week intercepted a second large size methamphetamine load with an estimated street value of more than \$3 million in one enforcement action at the World Trade Bridge. The seizure occurred on 27 April at the World Trade Bridge when a CBP officer referred a freightliner tractor hauling a flatbed trailer with a manifested shipment of marble stone for a secondary examination. After conducting both a canine and non-intrusive imaging system inspection, CBP officers discovered a total of 220.5-pounds of methamphetamine. The narcotics have an estimated street value of \$3,086,440.

SOURCE: 6 May 2019, [CBP](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia – Former FBI Translator Charged with Lying About Contact with Terrorist**

(U) Washington DC – The Justice Department announced on 6 May, Federal prosecutors charged a former FBI translator with lying about contacts with the subject of a terror investigation. According to the indictment, Abdirizak Haji Raghe Wehelie faces seven charges of making false statements to investigators and one for obstructing a federal investigation. Wehelie worked for a government contractor assigned as a FBI linguist and translator from 2012 through 2015, and allegedly translated a voicemail message from an individual under surveillance and concealed that it was his own voice in the audio he translated. The indictment unsealed on Monday did not allege Wehelie provided material support to those under terrorism investigation.

SOURCE: 6 May 2019, [CNN](#)

**(U) Mississippi – Suspect Caught in Killing of Mississippi Officer at Station**

(U) Biloxi – In less than 24 hours after police say a Mississippi man gunned down a uniformed officer in police station parking lot, the suspect has been arrested. According to the Biloxi Police Chief, one of his department's officers was driving home through Wiggins, 40-miles north of the Gulf Coast city when the officer spotted a man at the side of the road who looked like the target of an intense manhunt. He called Wiggins police who in turn arrested 19-year-old Darian Tawan Atkinson, wanted for capital murder in the slaying of Biloxi Patrolman Robert McKeithen. It remains unclear whether McKeithen was targeted or shot at random.

SOURCE: 7 May 2019, [NBC News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Indonesia – Authorities Arrest Suspected Members of ISIS-Affiliated Group, Thwart Planned Attack**

(U) Jakarta – Indonesian anti-terrorism police have shot dead one Islamist militant and detained six suspected of planning attacks on officers with firearms or suicide bombings under the cover of rallies tied to recent elections. According to authorities, the suspects were detained after weekend raids in Bekasi in West Java and one died after being shot when he threw a bomb at police. The suspected militants were linked to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS)-inspired Jemaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD) group, the largest ISIS-linked group in Indonesia, which was legally disbanded in 2018 for “conducting terrorism” and affiliating itself with the foreign militant group.

SOURCE: 7 May 2019, [Reuters](#)

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